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Conditions incorrectly diagnosed as syncope

Disorders with partial or complete LOC but without global cerebral hypoperfusion
Epilepsy
Metabolic disorders including hypoglycaemia, hypoxia, hyperventilation with hypocapnia
Intoxication
Vertebrobasilar TIA
Disorders without impairment of consciousness
Cataplexy
Drop attacks
Falls
Functional (psychogenic pseudosyncope)
TIA or carotid origin

LOC: loss of consciousness; TIA: transient ischaemic attack.

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